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SUBJ: TRANSKEI INDEPENDENCE

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1. IN FURTHER STEP TOWARD INDEPENDENCE FOR TRANSKEI HOMELAND, TRANSKEI'S CHIEF MINISTER KAISER MATANZIMA MET MAY 16 WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER, MINBANTU ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT M. C. BOTHA AND DEPUTY MINBANTU DEVELOPMENT BRAAM RAUBENHEIMER. ALSO AT MEETING WERE TRANSKEI'S MINJUSTICE, CHIEF GEORGE MATANZIMA, MINHEALTH, CHIEF J. D. MOSHESH, AND TRANSKEI COMMISSIONER-GENERAL DESIGNATE, MR. D. S. POTGIETER. JOINT STATEMENT RELEASED AFTER TWO-HOUR MEETING IN PRETORIA SAID IT HAD BEEN AGREED THAT TRANSKEI AND SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS WOULD ESTABLISH "A COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS...TO EXAMINE LEGAL, CONSTITUTIONAL, FINANCIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER MATTERS" WITH RESPECT TO INDEPENDENCE FOR TRANSKEI.

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2. STATEMENT NOTED THAT DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE IN "A SPIRIT OF EXTREME GOOD WILL" AND THAT THEY MARKED A "MOMENTOUS DATE IN THE HISTORY OF NOT ONLY SOUTH AFRICA AND THE TRANSKEI, BUT OF SOUTHERN AFRICA." STATEMENT SAID THAT CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT HAD BEEN A JOINT EFFORT AND THAT IT WAS HOPED IT WOULD REMAIN SO. IT ADDED THAT "WHAT IS BEING DONE NOW SHOULD SERVE AS THE BLUEPRINT FOR THOSE WHO COME HEREAFTER," AND EXPRESSED BELIEF OF PARTICIPANTS THAT "CORDIAL RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAD EXISTED UP TO NOW WOULD CONTINUE BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AND STATES AFTER THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO THE TRANSKEI."

3. IN THEIR REPORTS ON THE MEETING, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENTS OF BOTH JOHANNESBURG STAR AND PRETORIA NEWS SAID IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT SAG HOPES TO GRANT INDEPENDENCE TO TRANSKEI IN 1976.
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